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Director of Health Services

At its meeting held May 10, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"It has been reported that one of the contractors providing laundry services to the Departments of Health Services (DHS) and the Sheriff, has not adequately adhered to worker health and safety standards and have been cited by Cal-OSHA for violations. Angelica Corporation operates six laundry cleaning plants in Los Angeles County and provides contracted laundry cleaning services to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center as well as some ancillary services to the Sheriff.

"It is imperative that Los Angeles County contractors adhere to laws and regulations that govern worker safety, as well as the provisions of their contracts with the County. The Board of Supervisors must be assured that worker health and safety is protected.

"In addition, a Nationwide work action may occur against Angelica, an occurrence that has the potential of disrupting critical laundry supplies for the Department of Health Services."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Director of Health Services was instructed to:

1. Investigate and report back to the Board regarding allegations that Angelica Corporation, a County laundry service provider, has repeatedly violated Cal-OSHA health and safety standards and, if verified, ensure that any deficiencies are immediately corrected; and

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    2. Report back to the Board on measures taken to ensure no disruption in laundry services should a work action take place at Angelica's Laundry facilities located in Los Angeles County.

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